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The John B. Myers House, 180 Dunn Road, Florissant, Missouri, is a two-story, five-bay, 12-room, Classic Revival-style residence. L-shaped in plan, the house has a two-story rear (north) wing attached to the north wall of the main (south) portion. A portico dominates the main (south) facade. A one-story bay is attached to the west facade of the south portion.

EXTERIOR

Over-all dimensions

The house measures roughly 55' 3" by 39' 9". The main (south) portion is approximately 39' 9" by 31' 3"; the rear (north) wing measures 16' 3" by 24'.

Construction materials and colors

Basic construction materials are stone and brick: rough-cut, random-laid stone blocks for the foundations and bricks painted white and laid in common bond for the walls. The portico; window shutters, frames, and mullions; doors and doorway frames; and cornices are of wood painted white. The wood brackets and cast-iron rosette medallions of the cornice are painted dark green. Smooth-cut stone blocks form the window lintels and sills. Asphalt shingles cover the roofs. Wood shingles sheathe the wood-frame west bay and rear (east) entrance.

Openings

Windows. Rectangular-shaped, two-over-two light, double-hung sash windows occur on the first and second stories. Each is trimmed by a lintel and slipsill. Those on the east facade are blind and shuttered. Each side of the three-sided west bay has a rectangular, twelve-over-twelve light sash window. Basement windows are filled by rectangular-shaped, two-light sash and trimmed by a lintel.

Doorways. Main, rear, and basement entrances are on the south, east, and north facades respectively.

The main entrance, located in the center bay of the south facade, is filled by a double-leaf, wood and glass (three lights over a single panel) door topped by a one-light, rectangular transom. An Egyptian Revival-style surround trims the doorway.

Chimneys

Four chimneys service the Myers House. They are positioned flush with the wall surface at each end of the east and west facades of the south portion. All are of brick and have a single stack.

Porches

A two-story, three-bay, pedimented portico is centered across the south facade of the main portion. Paired square columns with molded capitals and

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The John B. Myers House, 180 Dunn Road, Florissant, Missouri, demonstrates the remarkable persistence of the Classical Revival style of architecture into the Victorian era. Noteworthy for its elaborate detailing (ornate, two-story portico and extensive interior wall treatments), the house has survived in a relatively unaltered condition.

Previous owners

The most noted previous owners were the original owners/builders John B. and Adelaide Motten Myers.

In 1867 Myers purchased fifty acres of land less than a mile south of the old French town of St. Ferdinand (now Florissant). He had come to Missouri from Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and according to probate records had substantial land holdings in Calhoun County, Illinois. Myers was married to Adelaide Motten, a native of Alsace-Lorraine. They had three children: John, Jr.; Salena; and Zelda (born 16 days after her father's death in 1869).²

At John B. Myers' death, only the foundations and framework for the upper stories of the house were finished; Mrs. Myers is credited with completing the construction following her husband's plans. 3

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies in Missouri history as outlined in the "Missouri State Historic Preservation Plan." The John B. Myers House is, therefore, being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an example of the "Architecture" theme.

FOOTNOTES

- 1. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey:</u> John B. Myers House, MO-1183, Summer, 1967, Sheet 1.
- 2. Probate Court of St. Louis, Missouri, Probate File #8755; and Historic American Buildings Survey: John B. Myers House, MO-1183, Summer, 1967, Sheet 1.

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pedestals support the second-story floor and the pediment. Balustrades connect the column pedestals.

Roofs

A truncated hip roof is over the south portion of the house; gable roofs cover the portico and rear wing.

Decorative features

Decorative details include: 1) lintels and sills (previously described); 2) a portico (mentioned above); 3) a boxed cornice with brackets and freize decorated by medallions; and 4) the boxed cornice with brackets of the west bay.

INTERIOR

Basement

The full basement has three rooms: two under the south portion and one under the rear wing. The south rooms (each measuring approximately 28' 6" by 13' 6") are to either side of a central hall running in a north/south direction. The north room measures about 13' 3" x 22' 6". Ceiling heights are 8' 6" and 7' 6" in the south and north rooms respectively. All interior walls are of stone finished with plaster; floors are of concrete. The basement houses the furnace, provides storage space, and serves as a meeting place for fund raising activities ("cellar parties").

First floor

Six major rooms comprise the first floor: four in the south portion and two in the rear wing. The south rooms are arranged two to either side of a center hall running in a north/south direction. Each is approximately 14' 6" by 14' 6". North rooms include a kitchen and flower room. A bath opens off the north end of the center hall.

All rooms have painted plaster walls. Those on the east side of the south portion have "frescoes" on the ceilings, cornices, and doors. Most rooms have individual fireplaces with wood mantels and original equipment for Franklin-type stoves. Random-width flooring and Classic-style wood base-boards and window and doorway trim occur in all rooms. Doorways are filled by four-panel wood doors with two-light, rectangular transoms above.

Access to the second floor is by a straight-run stairway along the east wall of the center hall. The newel post and balusters are of walnut.

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Second floor

The second floor room arrangement echoes that of the first floor; most rooms have the same dimensions. The interior finishing is also similar: painted plaster walls, fireplaces in each room (an exception is the northernmost north room), and Classic-style trim.

Attic

Access to the attic is by a straight-run stairway similar to the first to second floor stairs in design and location. The unfinished attic is over the main portion of the house.

ALTERATIONS

Alterations include:

- 1. addition of "frescoes" on the ceilings, cornices, and doors of various rooms throughout the house (1886)
- removal of "frescoes" in many rooms
- 3. replacement of the original tin roof with asphalt shingles
- 4. removal of a fifth chimney from the north wing
- 5. bricking in of the northernmost rear wing second floor doorway
- addition of the west bay
- removal of widow's walk on truncated hip roof of the main (south) portion
- removal of rear two-story gallery and addition of enclosed entrance and two baths.

Local researchers date most of these alterations as occurring after 1930.²

CONDITION

The Myers House is in good structural condition; repairs to the portico are nearing completion.

SITE

The house, which is atop a knoll overlooking I-270, faces south. Once part of a 50-acre farm, 3 today approximately one acre remains with the house. Many trees surround the house obscuring it from Dunn Road travelers.

The property is surrounded by: a tavern/restaurant (originally an out-building of the house) on the north; Interstate I-270 on the south; acreage under commercial development on the west; and the Reubens and Coco restaurants on the east.

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PRESENT STATUS

Prior to 1974, the Myers House was slated for demolition to allow for the construction of the Interbelt Highway 725 in St. Louis County. Following much opposition by proponents for the retention of the historic house, Missouri State Highway Department officials redesigned the roadway to avoid the house. This redesigning was dependent upon the securement of permanent guarantees that the house would be preserved in the future; such deed restrictions have been filed.

The current owners of the Myers House, Historic Florissant Inc., anticipate a full-scale restoration of the home; work has already begun under the supervision of a restoration contractor. 4

FOOTNOTES

- 1. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey</u>: <u>John B. Myers House</u>, MO-1183, Summer, 1967, Sheet 1.
- 2. Statement by Mrs. Rosemary Davison, personal telephone conversation, November 1, 1974. (Mrs. Davison is the City Clerk for Florissant, Missouri, and the coordinator of the Florissant City Survey, a subsurvey of the State Historical Survey and Planning Office.)
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Two residences similar to the Myers House were built during the 1860's in the St. Louis area: the Dr. J.R. Hereford House, Ferguson, ⁵ (current condition not verified) and the James Clemens, Jr. House, 1849 Cass Avenue, St. Louis. 6 The Clemens House (1863) is the most elaborate of the three, its simple Classic design ornamented with Renaissance Revival details (quoins, bracketed sills, complete entablatures over windows and doorways). Cast-iron double porch columns support the two-story portico. The facial features of Mrs. Clemens, who died before the house was built, appear in cast iron above each window and in plaster and marble inside. The Hereford House (1869), on the contrary, is almost a carbon copy of the Myers House -wood frame construction having been substituted for brick. The high degree of similarity between the two houses, even in the detailing, suggests that the same architect/builder may have been employed by Myers and Hereford. It should also be noted that Dr. Hereford had lived in Florissant prior to moving to Ferguson and, therefore, may have been familiar with the Myers House, having its design copied for his own home.

FOOTNOTES

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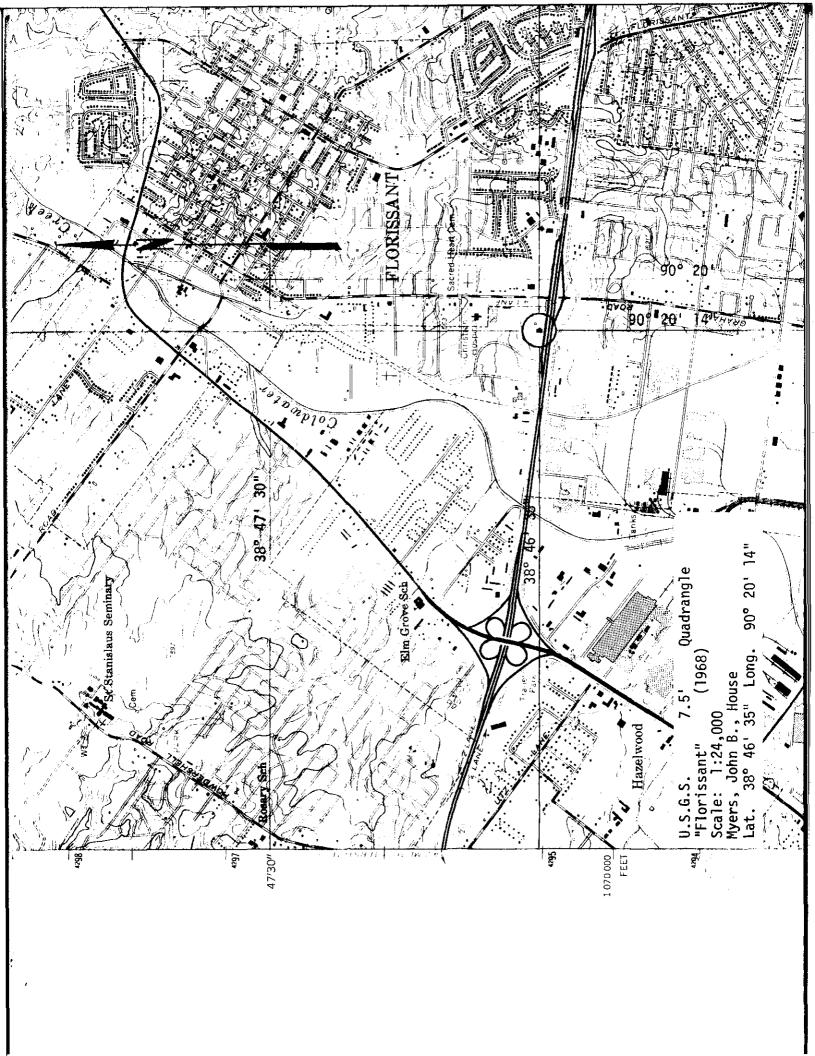
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The John B. Myers House, 180 Dunn Road, Florissant, Missouri, is a two-story, five bay, 12-room, Classic Revival-style residence. L-shaped in plan, the house has a two-story rear (north) wing attached to the north wall of the main (south) portion. A portico dominates the main (south) facade. A one-story bay is attached to the west facade of the south portion. The frame barn is located to the rear (northeast) of the house.

EXTERIOR

Over-all dimensions

The house measures roughly 55' 3" by 39' 9:. The main (south) portion is approximately 39' 9" by 31' 3"; the rear (north) wing measures 16' 3" by 24'.

Construction materials and colors

Basic construction materials are stone and brick: rough-cut, random-laid stone blocks for the foundations and bricks painted white and laid in common bond for the walls. The portico; window shutters, frames and mullions; doors and doorway frames; and cornices are of wood painted white. The wood brackets and cast-iron rosette modallions of the cornice are painted dark green. Smooth-cut stone blocks form the window lintels and sills. Asphalt shingles cover the roofs. Wood shingles sheathe the wood-frame west bay and rear (east) entrance.

Openings

Windows. Rectangular-shaped, two-over-two light, double-hung sash windows occur on the first and second stories. Each is trimmed by a lintel and slipsill. Those on the east facade are blind and shuttered. Each side of the three-sided west bay has a rectangular, twelve-over-twelve light sash window. Basement windows are filled by rectangular-shaped, two-light sash and trimmed by a lintel.

<u>Doorways</u>. Main, rear, and basement entrances are on the south, east, and north facades respectively.

The main entrance, located in the center bay of the south facade, is filled by a double-leaf, wood and glass (three lights over a single panel) door topped by a one-light, rectangular transom. An Egyptian Revival-style surround trims the doorway.

Chimneys

Four chimneys service the Myers House. They are positioned flush with the wall surface at each end of the east and west facades of the south portion. All are of brick and have a single stack.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John B. Myers House and Barn, 180 Dunn Road, Florissant, Missouri, is a rare example of two related structures surviving in relatively unaltered condition in

St. Louis County. Singularly, the house demonstrates the remarkable persistence of the Classical Revival style of architecture into the Victorian era.

"The uniqueness of these two structures together makes it imperative to place them together on the National Register of Historic Places. There are few enough sites remaining that have this quality, with both a distinguished house and a distinguished barn, making this site very valuable and extremely rare in this part of Missouri and Illinois. The value of the house is enhanced for visitors by adding the functional element of the barn."

"The John B. Myers House built in the late 1860's is one of the few remaining examples of Palladian [Classic Revival] residential types from the Victorian period. The elegant two-story portico with its coupled columns, bracketed details under a classical pediment, is unique in the Midwest. The house plan is also a classic example of its type with large high-ceiling rooms and attached kitchen wing. The full basement with rugged stone walls, brick arches under partition walls, the mantelpieces, frescoes and other details show that this house was no ordinary farmhouse. The site itself, atop a high knoll, provides a favored view to the south and sets this house apart from any other in the county."

Two residences similar to the Myers House were built during the 1860's in the St. Louis area: the Dr. J.R. Hereford House, Ferguson, (current condition not verified) and the James Clemens, Jr. House, 1849 Cass Avenue, St. Louis. The Clemens House (1863) is the most elaborate of the three, its simple Classic design ornamented with Renaissance Revival details (quoins, bracketed sills, complete entablatures over windows and doorways). Cast-iron double porch columns support the two-story portico. The facial features of Mrs. Clemens, who died before the house was built, appear in cast iron above each window and in plaster and marble inside. The Hereford House (1869), on the contrary, is almost a carbon copy of the Myers House -- wood frame construction having been substituted for brick. The high degree of similarity between the two houses, even in the

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Porches

A two-story, three-bay, pedimented portico is centered across the south facade of the main portion. Paired square columns with molded capitals and pedestals support the second-story floor and the pediment. Balustrades connect the column pedestals.

Roofs

A truncated hip roof is over the south portion of the house; gable roofs cover the portico and rear wing.

<u>Decorative</u> features

Decorative details include: 1) lintels and sills (previously described); 2) a portico (mentioned above); 3) a boxed cornice with brackets and frieze decorated by medallions; and 4) the boxed cornice with brackets of the west bay.

INTERIOR

Basement

The full basement has three rooms: two under the south portion and one under the rear wing. The south rooms (each measuring approximately 28' 6" by 13' 6") are to either side of a central hall running in a north/south direction. The north room measures about 13' 3" by 22' 6". Ceiling heights are 8' 6" and 7' 6" in the south and north rooms respectively. All interior walls are of stone finished with plaster; floors are of concrete. The basement houses the furnace, provides storage space, and serves as a meeting place for fund raising activities ("cellar parties").

First floor

Six major rooms comprise the first floor: four in the south portion and two in the rear wing. The south rooms are arranged two to either side of a center hall running in a north/south direction. Each is approximately 14' 6" by 14' 6". North rooms include a kitchen and flower room. A bath opens off the north end of the center hall.

All rooms have painted plaster walls. Those on the east side of the south portion have "frescoes" on the ceilings, cornices, and doors. Most rooms have

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individual fireplaces with wood mantels and original equipment for Franklin-type stoves. Random-width flooring and Classic-style wood baseboards and window and doorway trim occur in all rooms. Doorways are filled by four-panel wood doors with two-light, rectangular transoms above.

Access to the second floor is by a straight-run stairway along the east wall of the center hall. The newel post and balusters are of walnut.

Second floor

The second floor room arrangement echoes that of the first floor; most rooms have the same dimensions. The interior finishing is also similar: painted plaster walls, fireplaces in each room (an exception is the northernmost north room), and Classic-style trim.

Attic

Access to the attic is by a straight-run stairway similar to the first to second floor stairs in design and location. The unfinished attic is over the main portion of the house.

ALTERATIONS

Alterations include:

- addition of "frescoes" on the ceilings, cornices, and doors of various rooms throughout the house (1886)
- 2. removal of "frescoes" in many rooms
- 3. replacement of the original tin roof with asphalt shingles
- 4. removal of a fifth chimney from the north wing
- 5. bricking in of the northernmost rear wing second floor doorway
- 6. addition of the west bay
- 7. removal of the widow's walk on the truncated hip roof of the main (south) portion
- 8. removal of the rear two-story gallery and addition of an enclosed entrance and two baths.

Local researchers date most of these alterations as occurring after 1930.2

CONDITION

The Myers House is in good structural condition.

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SITE

The house and barn are atop a knoll overlooking I-270, facing south. Once part of a 50-acre farm, 3 today approximately two acres remain. Many trees surround the house and barn obscuring it from Dunn Road travelers.

The property is surrounded by: Interstate I-270 on the south, a racquet club on the west, medical facilities on the north, and the Reubens and Coco restaurants on the east.

Barn

The rectangular-plan, frame barn was constructed prior to 1878; 4 it is not known when the addition on the west side was built. 5

PRESENT STATUS

Prior to 1974, the Myers House was slated for demolition to allow for the construction of the Interbelt Highway 725 in St. Louis County. Following much opposition by proponents for the retention of the historic house, Missouri State Highway Department officials redesigned the roadway to avoid the house. This redesigning was dependent upon securement of permanent guarantees that the house would be preserved in the future; such deed restrictions have been filed.

The current owners of the Myers House, Historic Florissant Inc., anticipate a full-scale restoration of the home; work is being done under the supervision of a restoration contractor. Reconstruction of the widow's walk, installation of shutters, and exterior painting are still to be done. The projected completion date is summer, 1977.

The barn, first converted to use as a restaurant convenient to the highway, now serves as a tavern/restaurant. This outbuilding of the Myers House, on an adjacent lot, is presently being acquired by Historic Florissant Inc. Plans are to restore the barn to its 1967 condition or pre-altered appearance. "With the restoration of the cupola, the original integrity of the barn will be complete."

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detailing, suggests that the same architect/builder may have been employed by Myers and Hereford. It should also be noted that Dr. Hereford had lived in Florissant prior to moving to Ferguson⁶ and, therefore, may have been familiar with the Myers House, having its design copied for his own home.

Previous owners

The most noted previous owners were the original owners/builders John B. and Adelaide Motten Myers.

In 1867 Myers purchased fifty acres of land less than a mile south of the old French town of St. Ferdinand (now Florissant). He had come to Missouri from Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and according to probate records had substantial land holdings in Calhoun County, Illinois. Myers was married to Adelaide Motten, a native of Alsace-Lorraine. They had three children: John, Jr.; Salena; and Zelda (born 16 days after her father's death in 1869).7

At John B. Myer's death, only the foundations and framework for the upper stories of the house were finished; Mrs. Myers is credited with completing the construction following her husband's plans.

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies in Missouri history as outlined in "Missouri's State Historic Preservation Plan." The John B. Myers House and Barn is, therefore, being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an example of the theme of "Architecture."

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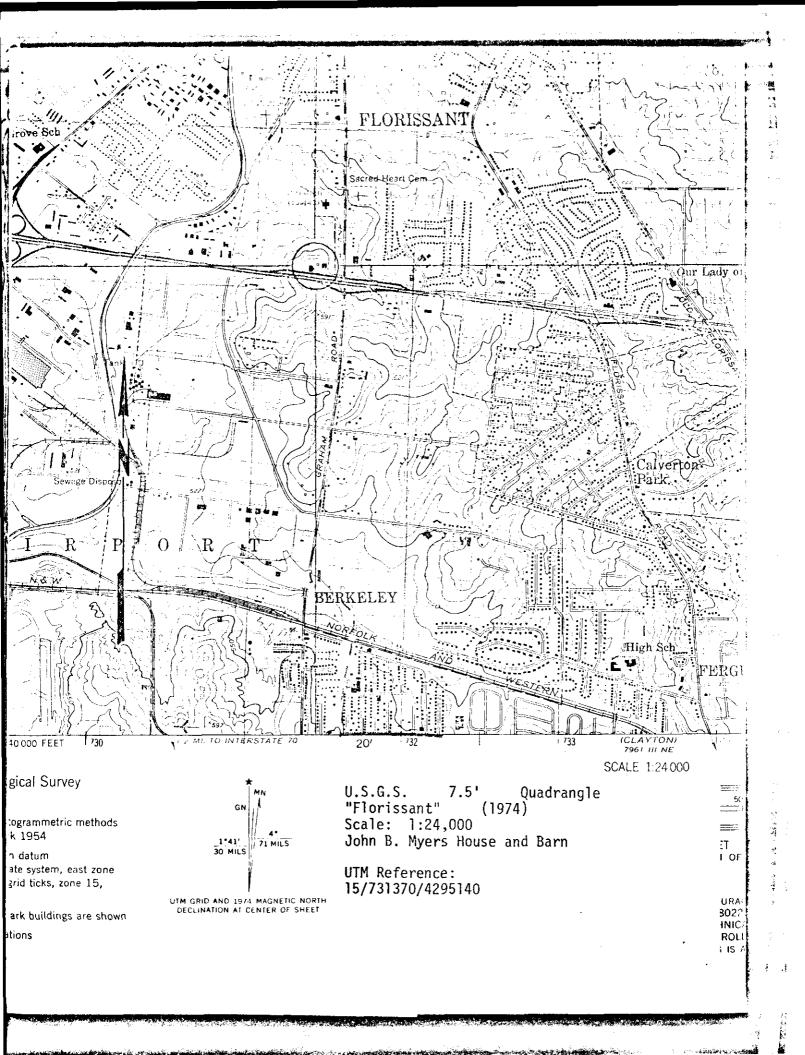
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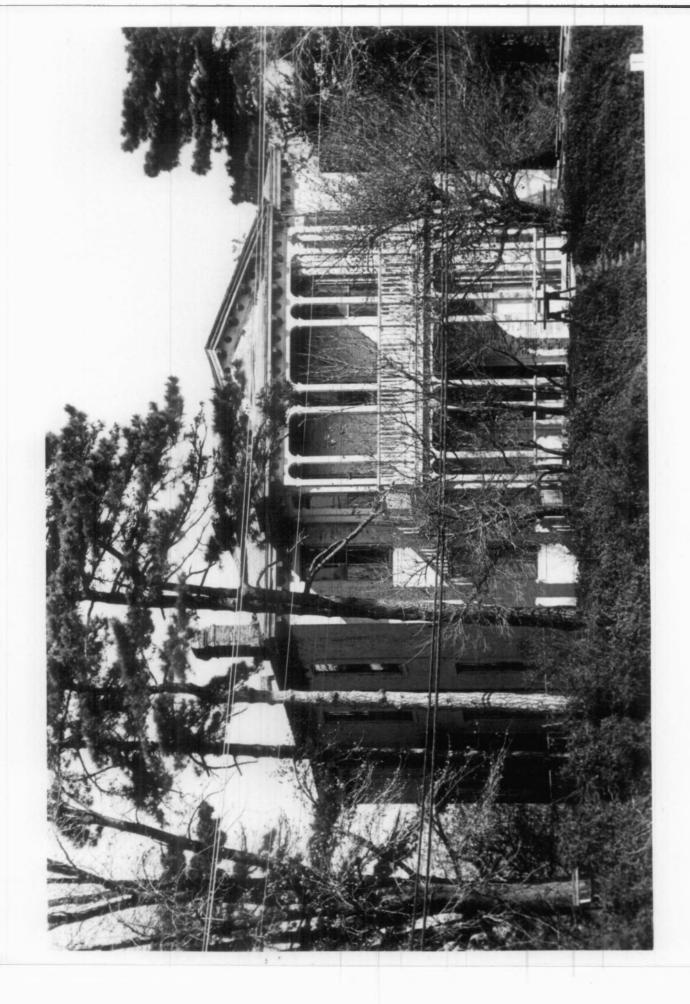
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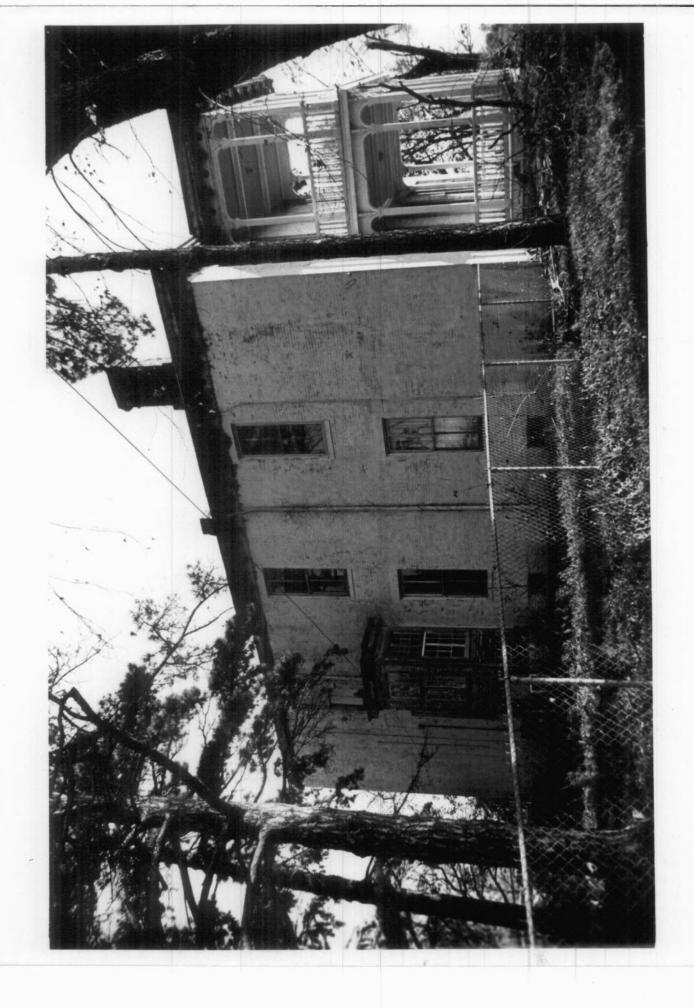
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| | Interior view showing the northwest corner of the southwest room of the main (south) portion. Restoration of the room is nearing completion. | | | | | | | |

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Interior view showing the southeast corner of the northeast room of the main (south) portion. Remnants of the ceiling and wall "frescoes" completed in 1886 remain; ceiling medallion of plaster

typical of those found in other first floor rooms. Restoration plans call for the retention of these details.

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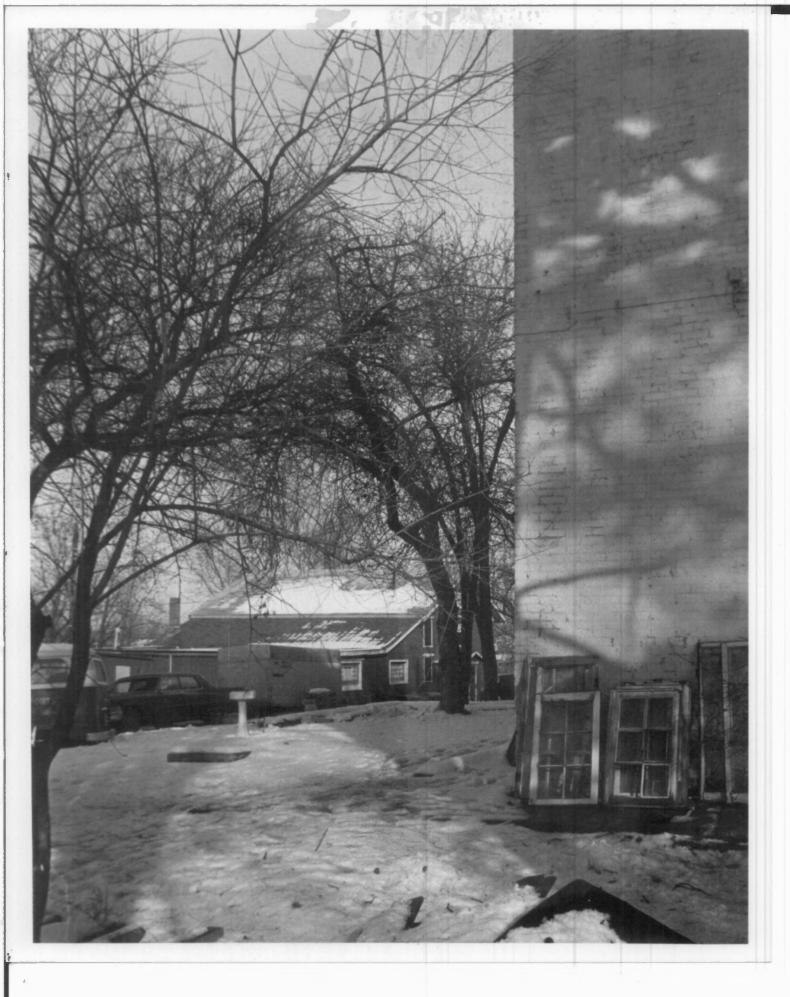
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| | Main (south) entrance; view looking north. An Egyptian Revival-style surround frames the doorway. The double-leaf, glass and wood door is topped by a two-light transom. | | | | | |

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MYERS, JOHN B., HOUSE AND BARN #8
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955 rue St. Francois, Florissant, Missouri
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Barn: Southwest corner; view facing northeast.
A corner of the Myers House is in the right
foreground.



MYERS, JOHN B., HOUSE AND BARN Florissant, Missouri

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Barn: West facade; view facing east.

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Barn: North facade; view facing southeast.

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MYERS, JOHN B., HOUSE AND BARN Florissant, Missouri #11 photographer: Glen Donahue

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 $\underline{\text{Barn}}$: East facade; view facing southwest. A portion of the north facade is visible on the right.



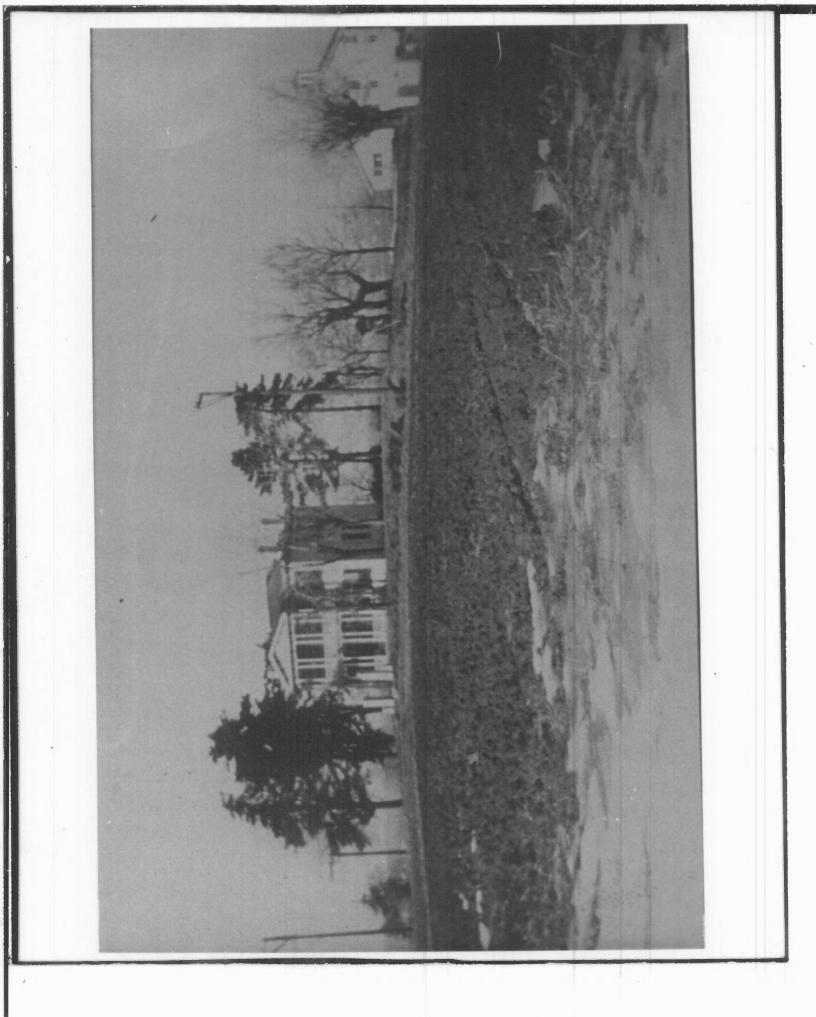
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Old view facing northwest showing the house and barn as they appeared in 1940.



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